

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on June 13, 2007.

Claim 16 is amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-6 and 8-21 are now pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as lacking adequate description or enablement. In particular, the Examiner objects to the recitation of “at least one” of the first coating and the second coating having a means for controlling a running property of an adhesive. Although Applicants do not agree with the Examiner’s rejection of claim 16, in order to provide additional clarity, claim 16 is amended to recite, in pertinent part, that: “...the first coating and the second coating *are configured to control a flow property of an adhesive*.” (Emphasis added). The Examiner is directed to, *inter-alia*, page 2, lines 22-26, and to page 8, lines 9-16 for this disclosure, where the flow properties may include a migration property or a spreading property of the adhesive material. Applicants therefore submit that the claim 16 is allowable, and respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph be removed.

In addition, claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that claim 16 is “confusing”, since it is unclear whether Applicants are claiming the second coating as the means for controlling the running property of the adhesive. Applicants again do not agree with the Examiner’s position, but nevertheless have amended claim 16 in order to add further clarity to the claim. Applicants again submit that claim 16 is allowable, and respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph be removed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 17-21 were allowed. The Examiner is again thanked for his careful review of the present application and for his indication of allowable subject matter.

Reservation of Rights

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have addressed every assertion made in the Office Action. Applicant's silence regarding any such assertion does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record are relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 349-9587 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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